# CROWLEY SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of December 31, 2013

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 Crowley, Louisiana

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11, a component unit of the Acadia Parish Policy Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historic context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 22, 2014, on our consideration of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Thibodeaux Accounting Company

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Rayne, Louisiana October 22, 2014 **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2013

		GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			
<u>ASSETS</u>		2013			
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Restricted assets Parcel fees receivable, net Total current assets	\$	38,901 500,145 107.656 646,702			
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	646,702			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Current Liabilities: Accounts and other payables Bonds payable Total current assets	\$	39,464 47,000 86,464			
Long-Term Liabilities: Bonds payable Total long-term liabilities  Total Liabilities	\$ \$ \$	453,000 453,000 539,464			
NET POSITION  Net investment in capital assets Restricted for debt service	\$	(500,000) 145			
Unrestricted Total Net Position	\$	607,093 107,238			

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### **GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

EVBENGEG		2013
EXPENSES		
General Government:	_	
Finance and administration	\$	39,464
Interest on long-term debt		-
Depreciation		-
Total Expenses	\$	39,464
GENERAL REVENUES		
Parcel fees	\$	144,100
Intergovernmental revenue - fire		
insurance rebate		1,302
Interest income		46
Contributions		1,254
Total General Revenues	\$	146,702
Change in Net Position	\$	107,238
Net Position, Beginning of Year		<del></del>
Net Position, End of Year	\$	107,238

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FSS)** 

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#### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2013

			(	Other	(Memo	Total randum Only)				
		General	Gove	rnmental						
ASSETS	_	Fund		Fund		Fund		und		2013
Current Assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	38,901	\$	Η.	\$	38,901				
Restricted assets		500,145		-		500,145				
Parcel fees receivable, net	_	107,656		-		107,656				
Total Assets	\$	646,702	\$	-	\$	646,702				
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES										
Current Liabilities:										
Accounts and other payables	_\$_	39,464	\$	•	\$	39,464				
Fund Balances:										
Restricted for debt service	\$	145	\$	-	\$	145				
Restricted for equipment		500,000		-		500,000				
Nonspendable, prepaid expenses		-								
Unassigned		107,093	1	-		107,093				
Total Fund Balances	_\$_	607,238	\$	-	\$	607,238				
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	646,702	\$	-	\$	646,702				

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## RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2013

		2013
Total fund balance for governmental funds	\$	607,238
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.  Bonds, notes payable, and capital leases		(500,000)
Total net position of governmental activities	<u> </u>	107.238

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### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

REVENUES		General Fund	Other Governmental Funds		Total (Memorandum Only) 2013		
Parcel fees	\$	144,100	\$		\$	144,100	
Intergovernmental revenues - fire		E - 19.E			*	,	
insurance rebate		1,302				1,302	
Interest income		46				46	
Contributions		1,254		•		1,254	
Total Revenues	_\$_	146,702	\$		\$	146,702	
EXPENDITURES							
General Government:							
Finance and administration	\$	39,464	\$	-	\$	39,464	
Capital outlay		*		-			
Debt Service:		-					
Principle retirement		(*)				-	
Interest and fiscal changes	<u></u>	20.464	-		Φ.	20.464	
Total Expenditures	\$	39,464	\$		\$	39,464	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenditures	_\$_	107,238	_\$_		\$	107,238	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	\$	500,000	\$	-	\$	500,000	
Transfers out	-		_	(500,000)	_	(500,000)	
Total other financing sources and uses	\$	500,000	\$	(500,000)	\$	-	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	607,238	\$	(500,000)	\$	107,238	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	_		_				
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	607,238	\$	(500,000)	\$	107,238	

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# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO CHANGE IN NET POSITION FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES December 31, 2013

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

#### (A) Financial Reporting Entity

The Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No 11 was created as a fire protection district by resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana on January 15, 2013 to provide fire protection services for certain rural areas outside of the City of Crowley. The district shall have all the powers of public corporations, including perpetual existence and the right and power to incur debt and contract obligations, to sue and be sued, and to have a corporate seal. The district shall also be authorized to do and perform all acts in its corporate capacity and in its name, necessary or proper for effective fire prevention and control.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Acadia Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the Acadia Parish Government to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Acadia Parish Government.
- 2. Organizations for which the Acadia Parish Government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The district was determined to be a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Acadia Parish Policy Jury maintains fiscal and budgetary control over the District and must approve any holding of an election or incurring of debt or levy of any taxes or parcel fees by the board.

#### (B) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 (hereafter referred to as the District) have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### (C) Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records and report the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the District's general activities including the collection and disbursements of specific or legally restrictive monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term dcbt. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following is a description of the District's governmental funds:

- a. General Fund the primary operating fund of the District and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.
- b. Debt Service Fund accounts for transactions related to resources retained and used for the payment of principal and interest on those long-term obligations recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

#### (D) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to the government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are generally recognized when they both become measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. Ad valorem tax revenue and insurance rebate revenue are recorded when due. Substantially, all other revenues are recorded when received.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Expenditures (including capital outlays) are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the financial activities of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 as a whole. These statements include all the non-fiduciary activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Ad valorem or property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

#### (E) Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 years
Equipment	5 – 15 years

#### (F) Fund Balance - Fund Financial Statements -

Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 adopted GASB 54 in the year ended December 31, 2013. As such, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

*Nonspendable*- funds that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted- funds that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed- funds that are constrained by limitations that the government imposes on itself. These amounts are imposed at the highest level of authority. These amounts are binding unless removed in the same manner that it was imposed and any action must be taken prior to year-end.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Assigned- funds whose intended use has been established. These amounts can be, but are not required to be, imposed at the highest level of authority. They do not have to be binding and action does not have to be taken prior to year-end.

Unassigned- all other spendable amounts.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. The District also considers committed fund balances to be spent first when other unrestricted fund balance classification are available for use.

#### (G) Recently Issued Accounting Principles

In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities. This statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2012, and was implemented in fiscal year 2013. The District has determined that they have no deferred outflows or inflows as defined by this standard.

#### (H) Net Position - Government-Wide Statements

In June 2011, the GASB issued Statement 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. GASB 63 provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in the statement of financial position and related disclosures. The statement of net assets is renamed the statement of net position and includes four components assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District adopted GASB Statement 63 in 2013.

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District reports three categories of net position as follows:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances
  of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows or resources attributable to the acquisition,
  constructions, or improvement of those assets and increase by balances of deferred outflows of
  resources related to those assets.
- Restricted net position net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a
  particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state
  laws or buyers of the District's bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and
  deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
- 3. Unrestricted net position consist of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### (I) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from those estimates.

#### (J) Budgets

The District prepares a budget for the General Fund and uses the following budget practices:

- 1. A preliminary budget for the ensuing year is prepared prior to December 31 of each year and is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the December meeting.
- 2. After completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted by vote at a meeting.
- 3. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 4. The budget is established and controlled by the board at the object level of expenditure. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board.
- 5. All budget amendments require approval of the board. Those amendments are reflected in the budgetary comparisons included in the accompanying financial statements.

#### (K) Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Any encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures of liabilities. There were no encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2013 as the District does not utilize this method.

#### (L) Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

#### Note 2. Cash and Investments

Cash consists of amounts in demand deposit, cash on hand, passbook savings accounts, and interest bearing demand deposit accounts with federally insured financial institutions. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of the District's deposits totaled \$539,046 and the bank balance was \$539,046. The deposits were covered by federal depository insurance and pledged securities.

#### Note 3. Capital Assets

The District had no capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### Note 4. Parcel Fees

Parcel fees attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Billed parcel fees are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The fees are based on property improvements determined by the Tax Assessor of Acadia Parish and are collected by the Acadia Parish Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the District net of deductions for Pension Fund contributions.

Parcel fees are budgeted and the revenue is recognized in the year they are billed.

A 10 year parcel fee of one hundred dollars per improvement was passed by the voters of the District in May, 2013 for the funding of fire protection for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2013 and ending with the year 2023. The fee was for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment in the district, including fire trucks, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2013, parcel fees levied totaled \$144,100, all of which is considered collectible.

#### Note 5. Bonds

On October 16, 2013, a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2013, by the Crowley Service Arca Fire Protection District No. 11 was passed. These bonds were issued for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and constructing fire protection facilities and equipment and paying costs of issuance of the certificates. The Certificates were dated December 10, 2013. Certificates totaling \$425,000 have an interest rate of 2.60% payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year commencing on April 1, 2014. Certificates totaling \$75,000 bear no interest and are payable annually on April 1 of each year commencing on April 1, 2014.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding debt as of December 31, 2013, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2014	\$ 47,000	\$ 8,516	\$ 55,516
2015	46,000	9,815	55,815
2016	47,000	8,915	55,915
2017	48,000	8,070	56,070
2018	49,000	7,280	56,280
2019-2023	263,000	17,595	280,595
	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,191	\$ 560,191

The Certificates mature serially on April 1, of each year through 2023 and are secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of the excess annual revenues of the District.

The Certificates maturing on April 1, 2014 and thereafter are callable for redemption in full or in part at any time, on or after April 1, 2014 and if in part, in inverse order of maturity, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Official notice of such call of any of the Certificates for redemption shall be given by means of first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mail not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each Certificate to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

#### Note 6. Changes in General Long-Term Debt

Changes in Contra song Terms	Ba Janu	lance lary 1, 013	I	ncreases	Deci	reases		Balance cember 31, 2013
Governmental activities: Certificates of Indebtedness,								
Series 2013	_\$	-	\$_	500,000	_\$		_\$_	500,000
Total	\$	_	\$	500,000	\$		_\$_	500,000

#### Note 7. Compensated Absences

The District does not have any paid employees; therefore, it does not have a formal leave policy.

#### Note 8. Risk Management

The District will be exposed to certain risks of losses such as property damage, liability issues, and other potential losses that may occur once their building is complete and they begin operations. The District will minimize its losses by purchasing commercial insurance.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### Note 9. Litigation

As of December 31, 2013, there was no litigation or claims against the District.

#### Note 10. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period ended December 31, 2013.

#### Note 11. Due to Other Governmental Agencies

The District owes the Acadia Parish Police Jury \$39,464 for services provided by the Crowley Fire Department, election expenses and other start-up costs. As of 12/31/13, the District was still incurring costs because they were not operating. Repayment of these fees will be accomplished through parcel fee income with no defined repayment plan.

#### Note 12. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

On July 7, 2014, a lease was entered into between the Lawson Land Company and the Acadia Parish Fire Protection District No. 11. The term of the lease was 99 years with the effective date of January 1, 2014. The premises were leased to be used for purposes of building and operating a fire station. The District expects to begin operating fully by November 2014.

The District has evaluated subsequent events through October 22, 2014 the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

2013 Variance Favorable Budget Final Actual (Unfavorable) Original Revenues: \$ 4,100 Income - parcel fees 140,000 \$ 140,000 144,100 Insurance rebate 1,500 1,500 1,302 (198)Miscellaneous income 1,200 1,200 (1,200)Contributions 1,254 Interest 46 46 **Total Revenues** \$ 142,700 146,702 4,002 142,700 Expenditures: Current 21,000 General government \$ 21,000 39,464 (18,464)Capital outlay **Total Expenditures** 21,000 21,000 39,464 \$ (18,464)Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures \$ 121,700 107,238 Other sources (uses) Operating transfers in 500,000 500,000 Total other sources (uses) 500,000 500,000 Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses 121,700 121,700 607,238 485,538 Fund Balances - January 1, 2013 Fund Balances - December 31, 2013 121,700 607,238

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 Crowley, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's basic financial statements and have issued or report thereon dated October 22, 2014.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan at 2013-1 and 2013-2 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan as items 2013-3 and 2013-4.

#### Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's Response to Findings

The Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board and management of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11, the Acadia Parish Police Jury, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Rayne, Louisiana October 22, 2014

## CROWLEY SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

There were no prior year audit findings.

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Management's Responses and Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

#### PART I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Auditor's Report

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the basic financial statements of the Crowley Service Area Fire Protection District No. 11 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### Internal Control - Financial Reporting

There were two significant deficiencies in internal control on financial reporting that were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013 and are identified as 2013-1 and 2013-2.

#### Material Noncompliance - Financial Reporting

There were two instances of noncompliance that were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013 and are identified as 2013-3 and 2013-4.

### PART II. FINDING RELATING TO AN AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

#### 2013-1 <u>Unqualified Staff to Apply GAAP</u>

Finding: The Fire District does not have a person who has the qualifications and training to

apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.

Cause: The District's volunteers lack training in implementation of generally accepted

accounting principles.

Recommendation: The District should hire a CPA to prepare the financial statements; however, the

District's Board should review and take responsibility for the financial statements,

including the related notes, and any adjusting journal entries.

Response: Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action: The Fire District has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over

the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interest of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation and any

adjusting journal entries.

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part Of
These Financial Statements

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Schedule of Current Year Findings and Management's Responses and Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

2013-2

Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Finding:

The Fire District has no employees. A board is appointed and maintains all financial

records. Due to this fact, the Fire District did not have adequate segregation of duties

to provide effective internal control.

Cause:

The condition is due to economic and space limitations.

Recommendation:

No action is recommended.

Response:

Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action:

None as this condition is common to most agencies of this type with limited resources

and is difficult to resolve due to the funding limitations.

2013-3

**Budget Violations** 

Finding:

The District did not properly amend their budget and exceeded budgeted expenses or

uses by more than 5% in the General Fund nor was their budget prepared in the proper

format

Cause:

Management did not properly amend the budget or prepare it in the proper format.

Recommendation:

The District should educate themselves on all statutes that apply.

Response:

Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action:

Management will properly amend and prepare its budget in the future.

2013-4

Late Filing of Audit Report

Finding:

The District failed to submit their audit report within six months as required by

Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513.

Cause:

The newly formed District was unaware of this regulation.

Recommendation:

The District should educate themselves on all statutes that apply.

Response:

Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action:

Management will ensure that all reporting requirements are adhered to in the future.

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